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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Krisna Lim

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-74 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 17-43 and 49-74 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-16 and 44-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. Claims 1-74 are presented for examination.
2. The title of the invention is neither descriptive nor precise. A new title is required which should include, using twenty words or fewer, claimed features that differentiate the invention from the Prior Art. The title should reflect the gist of or the improvement of the present invention.
3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 12-16 and 44-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Vange et al. [U.S. Publication No. 2002/0019853].
5. Vange et al. disclosed (e.g., see Figs. 1-8) the invention substantially as claimed. Taking claims 12 and 44 as exemplary claims, the reference disclosed a method of switching packets to a server among a group of servers, wherein individual packets carry content associated with an application, said method comprising:
 - a) receiving packet (602 of Fig. 6 and the abstract, paragraph 59);
 - b) parsing application content (priority parameters extracted from the data packet) from said packet (e.g., see paragraphs 14 and 59);

c) assigning to said packet a priority dependent on said parsed application content (e.g., see paragraphs 7 and 8); and

d) dropping the packet (e.g., see paragraph 6) if its assigned priority corresponds to a predetermined type (priority factors, parameter types, values, attributes, etc. see the abstract, paragraph 14).

6. As to claims 16 and 48 Vange et al. disclosed the application content includes that from a packet header for hypertext Transfer Protocol (Http:// on pages 13 and 14).

7. As to claims 13 and 45 , Vange et al. disclosed (e.g., see Figs. 1-8) the invention substantially as claimed. Vange et al. further disclosed a method of switching packets to a server among a group of servers, wherein individual packets carry content associated with an application, said method comprising:

a) receiving packet (602 of Fig. 6 and the abstract, paragraph 59);
b) parsing application content (priority parameters extracted from the data packet) from said packet (e.g., see paragraphs 14 and 59); and

d) enforcing security (connection reliability in the abstract, the implementation security processes at paragraph 63), by reference to an access control list dependent on said parsed application content.

8. As to claims 14 and 46, Vange et al. further discloses dropping the packet (e.g., see paragraph 6) if its parsed application content (e.g., assigned priority) corresponds to

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a predetermined type (priority factors, parameter types, values, attributes, etc. see the abstract, paragraph 14).

9. As to claims 15 and 47, Vange et al. further discloses redirecting the packet to predetermined locations (e.g., see paragraphs 55, 56 and 59-60) if its parsed applicant content is of a second predetermined type (priority factors, parameter types, values, attributes, etc. see the abstract, paragraph 14).

10. Claims 1-11, 17-43 and 49-74 are allowed.

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The references are cited in the Form PTO-892 for the applicant's review.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 (three) months and 0 (zero) days from the mail date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application (see 35 U.S.C 133, M.P.E.P 710.02, 710.02(b)).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krisna Lim whose telephone number is 571-272-3956. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess, can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

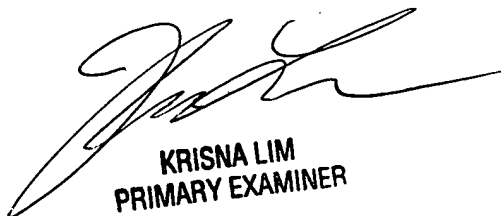
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November 16, 2004



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